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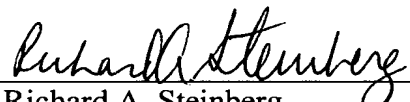
The present amendment replaces the claims on file with new claims 20-31. No new matter has been added.

The new claims broaden the scope of the allowed claims of the parent application, consistent with the originally filed claims. Claim 21 is substantially the same as allowed claim 20 of the parent application but replacing "consisting of" with --consisting essentially of-- and omitting the additive. Claim 20 is similar but recites the fatty acid mixture component (II) as a straight chain fatty acid having from 16 to 22 carbon atoms. It is submitted that claims 20 and 21 and the claims dependent thereon are allowable for substantially the same reasons as were the claims of the parent application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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